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**RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial No. 10/002,253, filed November 2, 2001, Pending.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

5 The present invention is directed to multipurpose containers in which a variety of items can be stored, such as eyeglasses writing instruments, pills, medicines, thermometers, rulers, note pads, to name a few of the nearly limitless number of items that can be stored. The containers may be provided with an item of additional functionality, such as a massage element, a fan, a calculator, personal digital assistant, a radio, an MP3 player, to name a few possibilities.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

10 There are numerous containers in the prior art that can be used to store items, that may or may not have another purpose associated with it, such as an attached writing instrument, or storing another item, or providing information on a prevailing aspect of the moment, such as temperature or time.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

15 The present invention is directed to multipurpose containers and that can be used to store and retain a variety of items, including such items as eyeglasses, medicines, foods, rulers, thermometers, note pads, to name but a few of the possibilities. The containers have an interior space for storing an item. Further, the containers are provided with an item that provides an additional functionality to the container. Those items include massage elements, personal digital assistants ("PDA's"), radios, MP3 players and other digital music systems, calculators, utility storage devices (like Swiss army knives), fans, currency converters, a lighter, video gaming device.

20 While the detailed description relates to a container for eyeglasses, it is immediately apparent that other items can be stored in the containers as well.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a container provided with a massage element.

25 Figure 2-6 are side elevational views of additional embodiments of containers provided with a massage elements.

Figure 7 is a side elevational view of a personal digital assistant (PDA) and container of the